

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2006, Applicant hereby elects Group I, Claims 1-24 for prosecution. Claims 25-54 are withdrawn from the above-identified patent application without prejudice or disclaimer.

CONCLUSION

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for immediate allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of Claims 1-24.

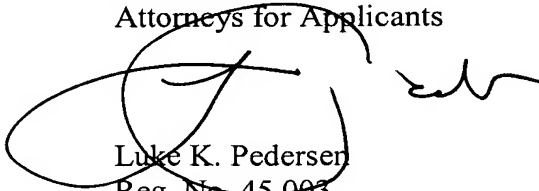
Applicant hereby takes an Extension of Time for responding to the Election/Restriction Requirement dated February 28, 2006 for one (1) month from March 28, 2006 to April 28, 2006. A separate Notification of Extension of Time under 37 CFR §1.136, along with a check in the amount of \$120.00 is attached hereto.

No additional fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are matters that can be discussed by telephone to further the prosecution of this application, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner call its attorney at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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